during the first three years of Eighth Plan period.

Setting up of HPT and LPT in Orissa

*33. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of High Power and Low Power T.V. Transmitters set up at different places of Orissa as on date;

(b) whether Government propose to set up some new HPT and LPT centres in the country during the 8th Plan;

(c) if so, the sites selected therefor; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) 3 High Power Transmitters, 48 Low Power Transmitters, 1 Very Low Power Transmitter and 1 transposer are, at present, functioning in Orissa for relaying Primary Channel (DD-1) service. In addition, 1 High Power Transmitter, 4 Low Power Transmitters and 2 Very Low Power Transmitters are in operation in the State for relaying Metro Channel (DD-2) service.

With a view to further argument terrestrial TV service, a number of transmitters of varying powers are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the country during the remaining period of 8th Plan, depending on availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities required for the purpose. The requisite details (Statewise) are given in the annexure [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 1]

Imbalance in air traffic

*34. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India share in the World Air Traffic has been continuously falling (vide Times of India, dated the 12th February, 1995) and if so, the measure of the fall and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Bermuda One type agreement—alloowing any number of flights by any number of airlines of the other contracting country resulting, for example, in 25 U.S. flights to India as against only seven Indian flights to USA is mainly responsible for this decline (vide Indian Express dated the 9th September, 1995);

(c) whether Government will consider renegotiaing this treaty as U.K., France, Germany and Japan have already done with USA; and

(d) whether Government have any other scheme to correct this imbalance in air traffic?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) While the market share of Air India has declined from 24.5% of the total International traffic to/from India in 1990 to 20.4% in 1994, the market share of Indian carriers (including Indian Airlines) has marginally improved from 30.5% in 1990 to 30.6% in 1994.

(b) Of the 76 Air Services Agreements signed/initialled by India with other countries, only one Agreement, signed with the United States in 1956, is of Bermdua-I type. The current operations are quite balanced with Air India operating 7 services (2800 seats) per week and US Airlines operating 9 services (2200 seats) per week on the India-USA route.

(c) Negotiations on Air Services Agreement are already in progress with the U.S. Government.

(d) In order to improve its market share, Air India is taking steps to expand its operations, upgrade its product, image and on time performance.